



## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Allied Drives Menace Reported  
Nazi Plans for Mountain Stand;  
Less Meat, Lower Prices for U.S.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union.)

(Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Deciding to move from town in path of General Patton's sweep into Saar only after it was bombed, these German women pull cart with belongings along road in search of new homes.

EUROPE:  
Fleeting Hope

Faced with the preponderance of the U.S. and British on the west and the Russians on the east, desperate Nazis were preparing for a final stand in the mountain mass in southern Germany.

Reported both by reliable military and political sources, the Nazi plans call for the retirement of the cream of the wehrmacht to the forested ranges in Thuringia, where they would then be expected to hold up in strongly fortified positions for heavy defensive fighting.

Object of such a plan, it was said, would be to inflict heavy losses upon attacking Allies, and also increase the internal chaos in Germany proper to such an extent that the U.S. and Britain would consider an armistice to permit the restoration of order in the Reich.

## Plan Hobbled

If, indeed, such is the Nazis' plan, Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' drive to the east bank of the Rhine at Remagen seriously jeopardizes it, since his 1st army has steadily built up strength in that sector to thrust eastward across the waist of Germany and thus prevent any general German withdrawal southward to the mountain mass.

At the same time, the Russians have exerted strong pressure against the eastern entrance to the mountain mass.



Supreme Allied Commander Eisenhower (center) confers with Field Marshal Montgomery (left) and Lt. Gen. Bradley.

mass in continued attacks in Upper Silesia and Hungary, where the enemy has reacted strongly to the Reds' thrusts.

In addition to threatening to burst into the open plains to the east of the Rhine, the U.S. 1st army also menaced the southern border of the all-important Ruhr industrial valley, while the British 2nd and U.S. 9th armies drew upon it from the west. To the southwest, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd and Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch's 7th armies closed their vise on 80,000 Germans in the Saar basin, rich source of iron and steel.

In addition to their strong assaults in Upper Silesia and Hungary, the Russians massed against the serrated defenses guarding the embattled Berlin region.

## PACIFIC:

## Tougher Yet

"God knows, they are tough enough now, especially at Iwo Jima. But they are going to be tougher as we go along."

Thus spoke the marines' fighting Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith upon his return to Hawaii from the bloody battle of Iwo Jima, in which America's finest captured the little island with the vital airfields at a cost of nearly 20,000 casualties, including 4,000 killed.

"They are learning all kinds of things by experience," Gen. Holland M. Smith said, "and each of the things they learn makes it harder for us to wipe them out."

Tough as the Japs have proved to be, however, their home front continued to writhe under aerial bombardment, with carrier planes from Vice Adm. Marc Mitscher's

## Postwar Beefsteak Makes Mouth Water

As the scientists picture it, that postwar steak will be tender, juicy and flavorful. Its fat will be creamy rather than pure white and will be distributed or "marbled" through the lean, rather than concentrated in an outside layer. The color of the lean will incline toward cherry red. Cuts will have less bone in proportion to meat.

The steak will come from a rela-

tively young, healthy animal that has grown rapidly, because rapid growth is economical of feed, and generally produces the tenderest meat, it is said. The meat will have been ripened for the proper length of time to allow the natural enzymes to break down the tougher tissues and make it more tender and juicy, and at the right temperature to prevent bacterial spoilage.

## POULTRY IMPROVES

Of the vast poultry population of the United States, consisting largely of 375,000,000 laying hens, about 20,000,000 breeding birds in flocks owned by poultrymen participating in the national poultry improvement plan set the pace for current and future egg and poultry meat production.

Last year these birds furnished

hatching eggs to 3,000 hatcheries having a total capacity of about 190 million eggs.

DRAFT:  
Policy Change

More men over 30 faced the draft following the announcement of the government's decision to defer some 145,000 young men under that age in the steel, coal mining, non-ferrous mining, synthetic rubber and transportation industries to avert serious manpower shortages in those fields.

Previously, the government had ruled that no more than one-third of workers in the 18 to 29 age group could be deferred, but unless other industrial groups succeed in exerting pressure for similar treatment of their younger men, the steel, coal mining, synthetic rubber, non-ferrous mining and transportation enterprises will receive almost half of the total of approximately 300,000 to be reclassified 2-A or 2-B.

In declaring "... If we don't get them under 30, we'll have to take older men ..." a selective service spokesman assumed that no registrants over 30 in the five preferred industries would be called but rather those in other less critically rated fields would be inducted.

MIDNIGHT CURFEW:  
LaGuardia Balks

Said Mayor Albert W. Glynn of Haverhill, Mass.: "The government is not going to make fish of New York and fowl of Haverhill."

His Honor was referring to New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia's defiance of the government's midnight closing order of amusement centers, and War Mobilization Director Byrnes' admission that the government could not step in to enforce the curfew because of a lack of police.

In defying the government, New York's LaGuardia, more colorfully known politically as the "Little Flower," allowed the bustling metropolis' amusement centers to remain open to 1 a. m., and local police, upon whom the government depended for cooperation in enforcing the edict, generally allowed the additional hour of operation.

Upon the passage of this legislation and the creation of the bank and fund, the master-minds on money matters tell me, depends the success of any world security organization which may come out of the United Nations meeting at San Francisco.

Aim to Stop  
Economic Warfare

The reason for that statement, boiled down to its essence is this: you can't stop international warfare unless you stop economic warfare.

Economic warfare in this sense means international trade practices not in the common good—specifically some of the practices indulged in by nations competing for foreign trade before and after the great smash of '29.

How is this warfare to be restrained?

Quid pro quo, of course. In the vicious fight for trade after the war a large number of nations will have three strikes on them to start. They are wrecked, some physically and a great many more financially, politically, economically. Those which will emerge less affected by the war scourge, like the United States, will be equally affected if they have nobody with money or credit enough to buy their goods.

Some of the changes suggested are prompted by honest conviction, some are due, according to treasury officials, to a misinterpretation of the program. There is a group in the United States which says that the United States will come out of the little end of the horn under the arrangement and that the British sold us a bill of goods. There is a group in England which says that Britain will come out of the little end of the horn and that the United States sold their representatives a bill of goods.

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Previously the second largest party in Finland, the Agrarian, or farmer's organization appeared to have lost 11 of its former 56 seats, with most of the setbacks occurring in the north, where the rural populace resented the Germans' destruction of installations on their withdrawal from the country.

BLACK MARKET:  
Crack Down

Long criticized for failure to crack down strongly on the black market, OPA agents moved against suspected violators on a broad front in the Chicago area in what was described as the biggest operation yet undertaken in the country.

As OPA moved against packers, dealers and retailers alike, both federal and circuit courts in the Chicago district entered a score of consent judgments and injunctions against violators.

Investigating suspected operations, OPA agents found a bus driver loading the trunk of his automobile with 629 pounds of meat without points at a packing plant; discovered one packing company collecting for full consignment of meat but keeping back a certain amount as an unauthorized delivery charge; and uncovered a dealer charging over-ceiling prices and retailers paying them to obtain supplies.

In one federal court case, three alleged violators were fined \$3,000 each without contesting the government's charge of slaughtering over-War Food administration quotas and diverting the surplus to black markets.

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## Washington Digest

World Monetary Plans  
Seen as Boon to Trade

Funds Would Help Restore Production and  
Stimulate Exchange of Goods in  
Postwar Era, Treasury Says.

By BAUKHAGE  
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building  
Washington, D. C.

I have just come from a luncheon of creamed chicken and rice, green salad and trimmings. The food was not, however, the interesting part of the affair. The "food for thought" that went with it, was. And so was the setting. We were served from a large oval table in the conference room of the United States treasury. The hosts were Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau and a squad of his fiscal experts.

The subject of the conversation was the same one which was discussed at many of the more than 200 conferences which took place around that same table and which led up to the Bretton Woods monetary conference last July. Today that same subject is before Congress in the form of pending legislation which would authorize American participation in an international bank of reconstruction and development and an international monetary fund.

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Borrower Finds Rope  
Has Many Possibilities

An Oriental story tells of a man who was asked to lend a rope to a neighbor. His reply was that he was in need of the rope himself just then.

"Shall you need it a long time?" asked the neighbor.

"I think I shall," replied the owner, "as I'm going to tie up some sand with it."

"Tie up sand!" exclaimed the would-be borrower. "I don't see how you can possibly do that with a rope!"

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A General Quiz

## The Questions

- What two brothers signed the Declaration of Independence?
- How old was Joan of Arc when she led the French army to the relief of Orleans?
- Who started the construction of the Panama canal in 1870?
- Who, according to legend, helped the Swiss gain their independence by killing Gessler, the tyrant?
- How many sins are named as "deadly sins"?
- What does the abbreviation "ign" mean?

## The Answers

- Richard and Francis Lee of Virginia.
- Seventeen years.
- The French started the construction of the canal in 1870.
- William Tell.
- Seven — pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth.
- Unknown (ignotus).

SNAPPY FACTS  
ABOUT  
RUBBER

There are two big "unknowns" in trying to anticipate the eventual "balance of power" between natural and synthetic rubber, in the opinion of John L. Colyer, President of the B. F. Goodrich Co. These unknowns are respective production costs and the relative value of these types of rubber in different kinds of products several years hence.

During the manufacture of one variety of synthetic rubber, materials must be kept at a temperature of 100 degrees below zero.

Use of rayon has improved the performance of synthetic truck tires as much as 375 percent compared with tires made of cotton cord, some industry authorities report.

JERRY KAW

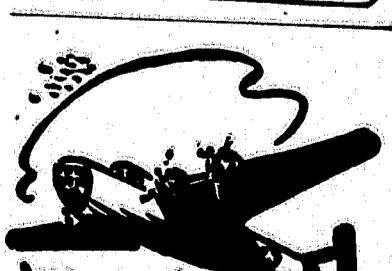
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AROUND  
THE  
HOUSE

Uncooked smoked meats can be kept fresh and sweet in the refrigerator for a long time if they are wrapped in a clean cloth which was dipped in vinegar. Wring the cloth well and wrap it around the meat, wrapping again in waxed paper before storing in the refrigerator.

To toughen glassware and lamp chimneys, place them in cold water, add a little salt and boil for ten minutes. Then cool slowly.

A leftover scrap of linoleum makes a good filler for the desk blotter. It gives a good surface on which to write and also wears well.

For those stubborn mud stains so common in spring, try this method of removal: Let it dry, then brush as much off as possible. Wash as usual and if the stain persists, sponge the spot with lemon juice, rub on salt and place in the sunshine, then wash as usual.

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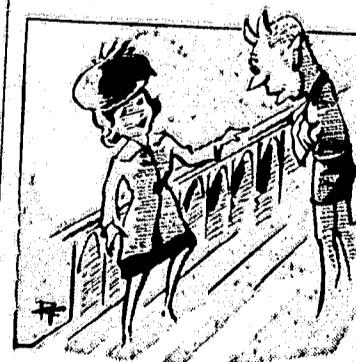
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TO BE CONTINUED

Balsam of Myrrh

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## The Oxford County Citizen

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The Rumford Citizen, 1906

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Carl L. Brown, Publisher

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1945

## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Thanks for practically nothing"—Mrs. E. E. Wade to San Diego Cal, judge who awarded her only 10¢ of \$50 damages sought.

"Isn't there a ban on talking about postwar?"—Sec. of Comm. J. V. Wallace, at press conference.

"Only a ban on doing something about it!"—Response by newspaper correspondent at same.

"There's nothing much that free enterprise cannot—or could not accomplish in this land of opportunity."—Lowell Mellett, columnist, one time of Washington.

"Benefit to the public is the basis of U. S. patent grant legislation."—Sen. Judge W. A. Tamm, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

"It takes about 100 years before a man gets any sense."—Cec. Robt. Lore, Bridgeport, Conn., celebrating 101st birthday.

Adelaide W. Lister, Correspondent

Defense Stamps purchased at the Village school were as follows for the past week: — Primary, Army, \$3.50, Navy, \$1.00; Intermediate, Army, \$4.25, Navy, \$1.50; Grammar, Army, \$6.40, Navy, \$2.30.

The State Guard held a very successful dance at the Town Hall last Saturday evening.

Harold E Crooker, who has recovered from recent surgery, has returned to his position at the State Hospital at Hardsl, Mass.

Rodney W Cross has been confined to his bed for the past week but is gaining slowly at the present time.

Durward Lang, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is now gaining.

Mr. Emma Swan is gaining slowly.

Ellis Cummins who was discharged from the Sunmount Hospital recently spent the week end with friends in town.

Mrs Donald Bennett has received word that her husband has arrived at his destination.

Mrs Edna Rose has gone to Rumford to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rackliffe for the week.

Due to road conditions the village schools closed last Thursday for two weeks anyway.

In the paper last week it was stated that Mrs Emma Day and Mrs Bertha Mason spent a day in Berlin, N. H. The item should have read Mrs Emma Day and Mrs Bertha Emmons.

Mr and Mrs J P Robinson and family are now occupying their new home which they purchased recently from King Bartlett.

Mrs Helena Bartlett and son, Paul, have joined her sister, Mrs Mary Lovejoy and her son, Leonard, at the home of their parents, Mr and Mrs Frank Vetuski, until Mrs Vetuski is in better health.

Miss "Flippy" Morse spent the last week end in Boston and is doing well.

Mr and Mrs Henry B Walker, were the guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs Frank Ring over the week end and attended the funeral of their late aunt, Miss Lena Litts.

CONDENSED STATEMENT NATIONAL LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE CO. of Philadelphia ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Real Estate \$201,139.33 Stocks and Bonds 720,477.00 Cash in Office and Bank 7,647,453.52 Agents' Balances 3,381,690.23 Bills Receivable 98,835.53 Interest and Rents 292,860.16 All other Assets 154,582.63

Gross Assets \$181,914,122.81 Deduct items not admitted 102,332.00

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

Net Unpaid Losses \$12,335,554.15

Unearned Premiums 19,257,321.65

All other Liabilities 11,282,018.51

Cash Capital 5,051,840.00

Surplus over all Liabilities \$4,545,622.91

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$82,556,657.28

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Unearned Premiums 26,193,698.45

All other Liabilities 4,915,216.12

Cash Capital 5,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities \$6,857,098.23

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$131,722,000.31

STUART W. GOODWIN, Agent

15 Norway, Maine

Carleen Stone of South Paris is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Leslie Kimball.

Mr and Mrs Hollis Grindie and Gloria were at Locke Mills Sunday and called on Mr and Mrs Frank Smith and family and Mr and Mrs Fred Mason and family.

Sunday callers at Leslie Kimball's were Mr and Mrs Ray Jewell and son, Howard of Bethel, Mr and Mrs. Bennett and Merle of Fryeburg, Mr and Mrs Ralph Kimball and Dorothy Ann, Mrs Maud Kimball and Clayton Penley were in Norway Wednesday.

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## WEST BETHEL

The Chapel Aid held a card party at the home of Mrs Paul Head on Thursday for the benefit of the Red Cross. Eight dollars was cleared. Mrs Samantha Judrey received first prize and Mrs Doris Burris the consolation.

The Farm Bureau met at the home of Mrs Roland Kneeland on Wednesday. The subject of the meeting was Minute Savers in Meal Preparation and Mrs Virginia Brown, H. D. A., was in charge. It was voted to give two dollars to the Red Cross.

Pleasant Valley Grange held a dance, March 17, and gave the proceeds to the Red Cross. A total of \$60 was earned.

Miss Beverly Kneeland spent the week end with Mr and Mrs Myron Morell and family of Mason. Mr and Mrs Alfred Morell, P. V. Donald Morell and Miss Kneeland attended the dance at South Paris Saturday evening.

Miss Marilyn Abbott is at home for the Easter vacation. Miss Esther Wheeler left Monday for California. She works at the San Francisco Airport and is employed by United Air Lines.

Miss Lidel Maxim is spending the week in South Paris.

Eldred Roife was honor guest at a birthday party Saturday afternoon, the occasion being his sixth birthday. Those attending were Jane Kneeland, June Burris, Jean Ferren, David Head and Arthur Mills. Games were enjoyed and refreshments of ice cream and birthday cakes were served.

School is closed for a week. Clayton Kendall returned Sunday from the St Louis Hospital at Berlin, N. H.

Mr and Mrs Clarence Roife entertained at whilst Saturday evening. There were three tables in play. Those attending were Mr and Mrs Philip Roife, Mr and Mrs Hermann Walker, Mr and Mrs Herman Bennett, Mr and Mrs Fred Lovejoy and the host and hostess. Prizes for high score went to Doris Walker and Fred Lovejoy. Clara Roife and Herman Bennett received the consolation.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

PACIFIC NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, San Francisco, California

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Real Estate \$25,500.00

Mortgage Loans 0

Collateral Loans 0

Stocks and Bonds 9,311,532.13

Cash in Office and Bank 1,140,105.04

Bills Receivable 509,236.29

Interest and Rents 89,639.68

All other Assets 1,241,392.68

Gross Assets \$47,161,632.40

Deduct items not admitted \$47,161,301.00

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1944

\$4,778,622.00

Net Unpaid Losses 4,697,604.71

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All other Liabilities 1,232,225.32

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$7,059,291.87

CONDENSED STATEMENT

AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE FIRE INSURANCE CO., St. Louis, Missouri

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1944

Real Estate \$3,556,510.00

Mortgage Loans 1,331,811.31

Stocks and Bonds 1,050,000.00

Cash in Office and Bank 1,140,105.04

Bills Receivable 1,000,000.00

Interest and Rents 89,639.68

All other Assets 1,241,392.68

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Real Estate \$2,000,000.00

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Stocks and Bonds 1,050,000.00

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Stocks and Bonds 1,050,000.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
STATE OF MAINE

Registration and Licensing of Dogs  
(Chapter 88, Sections 8 to 14, Revised Statutes of 1944)

ASSESSORS TO MAKE LISTS  
OF ALL DOGS; RETURNS TO  
CLERKS OF CITIES AND  
TOWNS AND TO COMMISSIONER  
OF AGRICULTURE

Section 8. Assessors of taxes shall include in their inventories lists of all dogs six months old or over, owned or kept by any inhabitants on the 1st day of April, setting the number and sex thereof opposite the names of their respective owners or keepers, and shall make returns to the clerk of their respective cities or towns and to the commissioner of agriculture or his authorized agent of such lists on or before the 15th day of June following.

The commissioner of agriculture or his authorized agent shall, on or before the 1st day of September of each year report to the treasurer of state the number of dogs by sexes, the number of dogs reported killed, and the number of kennels found in each city or town, together with the amount due the state from each city or town for dog licenses.

The treasurer of state shall notify the municipal officers of each city or town before October 1st of each year of the amount due the state for dog licenses, on which amount he shall allow credit for all dogs reported killed.

If any city or town fail to remit to the treasurer of state on or before October 15, of each year a sum of money equal to the licenses required by sections 8 to 25 inclusive on all dogs living on the 15th day of June preceding, such deficiency shall be added to the state tax of such delinquent city or town for the following year.

DOGS TO BE REGISTERED ANNUALLY, NUMBERED AND LICENSED

Section 9. On or before the 1st day of April of each year the owner or keeper of any dog 6 months old or over shall apply to the city or town clerk either orally or in writing for a license for each such dog owned or kept by him. Such application shall state the breed, sex, color and markings of such dogs and the name and address of the last previous owner.

A fee of 90¢ shall be paid by the city or town clerk for each license issued on male dogs, and a fee of \$4.00 shall be paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young. All female dogs shall be considered capable of producing young unless a certificate, or previous license record is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating that such female was made incapable of bearing young by spaying by him. When such certificate accompanies the application a fee of 90¢ shall then be paid on such spayed females. In addition to the amount paid for license and metal tag, each applicant shall pay the city or town clerk 25¢ for the recording and making a return to the commissioner of agriculture.

Such licenses shall be made in triplicate, the original copy shall be mailed to the commissioner of agriculture, 1 copy given to the person applying for the license, and 1 copy retained by the city or town clerk.

A metal tag showing the year such license is issued and bearing such other data as the commissioner of agriculture may prescribe shall be given with each license and must be securely attached to a leather or metal collar which must be worn at all times by the dog for which the license was issued and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove such tag or to place either collar or tag on any dog not described or for which the license was not issued.

Returns from clerks of cities, towns and plantations, showing all licenses issued by them together with a correct report showing the total number of dogs in "both sexes" found by the city or town assessors and the number of dogs killed shall be made to the commissioner of agriculture not later than the 1st day of July each year.

All license blanks and metal tags shall be furnished by the commissioner of agriculture. The representative of the department of agriculture in charge of animal husbandry shall be known as the animal husbandry specialist, and shall devote his time to carrying out of the provisions of the dog licensing laws and the adjustment of claims for damages to livestock by dogs and wild animals and to the promotion of animal husbandry within the state. The expense of furnishing the above-mentioned blanks and tags and the necessary clerk hire and travel, and the salary of the animal husbandry specialist shall be paid from the funds received from the licensing of dogs: provided, however, that not more than \$7,000 per year shall be expended under the provisions of this section, and provided further that out of the money received for dog licenses as much as is necessary, up to \$7,000, is hereby allocated for the purposes of this section.

Any person becoming the owner or keeper of a dog after the 1st day of April, not duly licensed as herein required, shall, within 10 days after he becomes the owner or keeper of said dog, cause said dog to be described and licensed as provided above.

Every owner or keeper of dogs, kept for breeding purposes, may receive annually a special kennel license authorizing him to keep said dogs for said purpose, provided he keep said dogs within a proper enclosure. When the number of dogs so kept does not exceed 10, the fee for such license shall be \$9.00, and in addition 25¢ for each such license as a fee for the recording and making the return required by law, when the number of dogs so kept exceeds 10, the fee for such license shall be \$19.00 and in addition

## BRYANT POND

Mrs Inez Whitman, Correspondent  
The Susan E. Haswell Mission Society met Tuesday evening, March 20 at the home of Mrs. Porter Swan. The usual business meeting was held, Rev Franklin Keehlywetter furnished the program on the American Indian which was very interesting, light lunch was served after the meeting.

March 25th Church services at 10:30 and Sunday School at 11:45. No evening services as Rev Franklin Keehlywetter and members of the Baptist Church went to the Baptist Church at Rumford where services were held and later a service.

Miss Helen Noyes has returned home from Massachusetts where she has been working for her sister, Mrs. Everett Beckwith.

© NORTH NEWRY

Mrs. Ella Brown celebrated her 90th birthday Monday. Among the callers in the afternoon were Miss Carrie Wight, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett and her granddaughter Mrs. Perol Godwin of Bethel who presented her with a fine birthday cake. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parker of Crystal, N. H. were also guests over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight are spending the week with their brother, George Wight, and wife in Framingham, Mass.

Miss Elaine Vall is spending her Easter vacation at her home.

Saturday night, March 31 there will be a dance at Grange Hall, Newry Corner, for the benefit of Red Cross.

Mrs Frances Davis is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis.

© ALBANY TOWN HOUSE — and Vicinity

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent  
Lester Inman and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bumpus and family attended the Circle at North Waterford last week.

Rev W. I. Bull met with the girls choir Friday afternoon at the Town House to rehearse songs for Palm and Easter Sundays.

The Church Service Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev W. I. Bull had an attendance of nine with eight children at Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McAllister and family were Sunday visitors at Will McAllister's.

Edwin Bumpus spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week with Skippy Davis at Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews and son, Linwood, were in Bridgton Thursday and also were dinner guests of Mrs. Merritt Kimball at South Waterford.

Winners in the 4-H Judging Contest which was held by Miss Powers on Record Sheets were Charlotte Scribner, Barbara Stearns and Edwin Bumus.

Shirley Andrews and Muriel Lapham were at Bethel one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Merrill and daughter, Eva, were Sunday visitors at Ray Andrews'.

Kendrich Scribner, A. S. spent Sunday at his home.

Marion Lapham has been spending a few days at Betty Ward's in Bethel.

tie Hemingway have been sick with the prevailing epidemic.

Rupert Farnum has finished work at Portland and is at his home here at present.

Carroll Farnum is on the sick list.

Mrs. Robert Farrington was at Rumford Hospital Monday evening and Tuesday for X-rays.

Miss Helen Noyes has returned home from Massachusetts where she has been working for her sister, Mrs. Everett Beckwith.

## WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

West Paris has received its Red Cross quota of \$1,030.00 and gone considerably over the top.

Grades 5 and 6 held their annual grade speaking contest Wednesday. The 10 contestants all did well.

Those winning: first prize for girls, June Helkkinen; second prize, Irene Ross; honorable mention, Jean Pressoy; first prize for boys, Joseph Perham; second prize, Frank Penham; honorable mention, Dale Emery.

The Go-Getters 4-H Club held a rummage and canned goods sale at the Fire Hall Thursday afternoon.

Easter services at the Universalist Church Sunday at 10:30 will consist of sermon by the pastor, Rev E. B. Forbes, special music by the choir, and a program by the Youth Fellowship Group and Church.

Mrs. Walter L. Inman went to the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, Sunday where she will undergo surgery.

Harry L. Emery is quite ill from a recurrence of his gall bladder trouble. His son, R. Howard Emery, from Southay Field, Mass., is with his parents.

Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Penley, is ill from infection in her ears.

Rev Eleanor B. Forbes officiated Sunday afternoon at the funeral service held for Miss Lena Bliss, whose remains were brought here from Los Angeles, Calif. Relative of New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Maine attended the service. The interment was at South Maitland, Vt.

Mrs. Whittle Riddle is quite ill and confined to her bed.

Miss Irene Helkkinen is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, at South Portland.

Mrs. Lena Redding, Mrs. Phila Mayhew and Mrs. Beatrice Jackson were at Dry Mills Sunday.

© UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent

On Monday, March 13th, Miss Gathering Powers, 4-H Club agent, helped to organize a 4-H Club with Mrs. Kenneth Hinckley as local leader. Officers elected were as follows: Pres., David Hinckley; Vice Pres., Esther Collins; Sec., Elaine Fuller; Treasurer, Agnes Angevine; color bearer, Mary Douglass; cheer leader, Alfred Boucher; club reporter, Eunice Lounsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Durkee were in town one day recently. Millard Fraser drove for them.

Merna Allen, who has been in Andover for a week, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Worster and two children of Irma, S. C. arrived in town last Friday morning to visit her father, James Barnett. Edgar has been transferred to Hartford, Conn. They left for Hartford Sunday, leaving their daughter, Ida, to live with Mrs. Merna Allen this spring.

Katharine Angevine is spending this week in Colebrook, N. H. with her cousin, Clara Hammond.

Word has been received here by his wife that Donald Fraser is on his way home from California.

Schools have closed here for one week vacation. The teacher, Mrs. Palmer.

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## HANOVER

Mrs. W. W. Worcester, Correspondent

Ice left the river here March 25, 1943 was the date it left last year.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Russell were in East Bethel recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Waterhouse and two children of Freeport were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Penney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holt returned to their home this week after spending the winter at Hotel Harris Rumford.

Mrs. Emily Dixon returned home Sunday after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Stone in Rochester, N. H.

Mrs. Harriet Condy was confined to the house with a cold recently.

Mrs. O. B. Farwell and son, Jim of East Bethel were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Russell.

Jim Farwell left for Ft Devens Monday.

Andy Barlow has resumed work for G. C. Barker this week.

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## Kathleen Norris Says:

About a Draft of Mothers

Bell Syndicate—WNU Features.



"After the telegram, she took to being downtown once or twice a week, late in the afternoon, and walking home with dad."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

HERE is a woman in my neighborhood who is a saint. The making of a saint is a simple matter. It consists of ordinary human material upon which spiritual graces are interposed. Saints can be poor, old, illiterate, bumble—or saints can be royal. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was a queen. Saint Francis—one of the greatest—was a penniless beggar.

Thousands of saints are never called saints at all, except in the hearts of their children, of the neighbors who remember them for years, wondering perhaps where that effect of goodness, light, help, faith came from.

This neighbor of mine has no idea that she is a saint. She lives so completely for other persons that I doubt if she ever thinks of herself at all.

She is a big, broadly built woman, standing up to her tall sons almost at their level, catching up grandchildren as if they were feathers. She has had five children—four now, since the telegram came about Tom. Martha Howe took that blow quietly; nobody in the family felt any extra agony of grief because of mother's grief. Almost immediately she could talk quietly of Tom, of his dearness, his fun, his athletic achievements, his passion—longing to get into air service—in which he died.

## Comforting Dad.

Also, after the telegram, she took to being downtown once or twice a week, late in the afternoon, drifting into the shoe store, and walking home with dad. Always there was the same loving care with his meals; gravy the way he liked it, little hard crisp doughnuts always on tap. Always there was cheerful gossip; indulgent laughter for Sarah's school interests, tender amusement over Julia's love affairs, deep concern for Frank's nursery and the grandchildren.

For the 40 years since she was 16

Martha Howe has followed the simple path of saintliness with no idea of its importance. To her it meant patient, self-sacrificing care of an adored invalid father; early happy marriage and work and economies with a man she loved; tireless devotion to babies in the slow years of wet little shoes, lost little rubbers, croup, spilled milk, long wet afternoons. It meant motherly inclusion of many other small dandies; "his mother's in the hospital," or "they're having sickness over at Blakes," Martha would explain when small strangers swelled the circle.

It meant the heaven of mother-love for five growing boys and girls,



"Mother and father love, gardens, babies..."

## Home Work Clothes Designed for Comfort and Safety

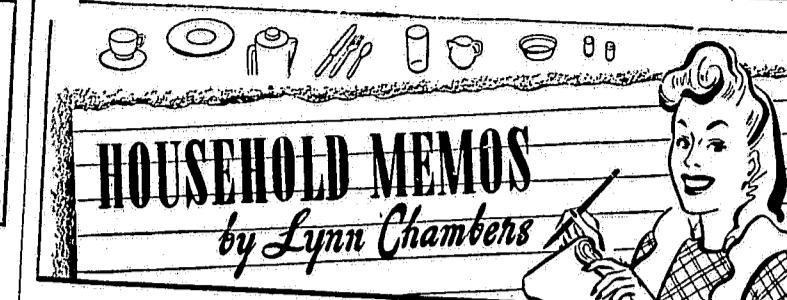
Homemakers should choose work garments carefully. A well-cut dress is comfortable, and permits the busy housewife to move freely as she works.

Sleeves for work are comfortable and safe if they are short and moderately wide. On chilly mornings a work jacket with three-quarter-length sleeves, tapered to fit the lower arm, so they will not catch on other objects adds extra warmth. Blouse backs with pleats or gather-

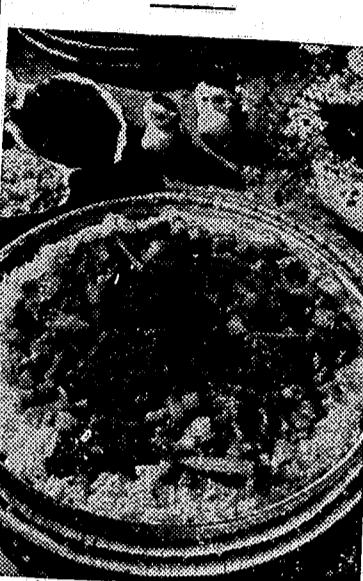
ers that provide width for action are satisfactory only if the fullness is placed on both sides where it can respond to arm and shoulder movement.

A gored skirt should be cut wide enough at the bottom to permit the homemaker to walk, climb, and stoop easily, and yet be fitted closely enough about the hips to stay in place. Too much fullness in a skirt may cause tripping on ladders, or in climbing stairs.

Blouse backs with pleats or gather-



## Serve Novel Foods To Tempt Palate During Rationing



Chicken is precious but a little goes a long way when it's served with glazed mixed vegetables and a border of rice.

The phrase, "there's something new under the sun," can always be applied to cooking, muses many a homemaker. There's never a dull moment in foods, for countless new combinations and methods are constantly being developed.

Today's column is being devoted to those of you who want to accent the "different" in recipes. Some are old recipes with just a touch of newness that spells an entirely different flavor or appearance in the finished food.

Bearing rationing in mind, these recipes will make it easy on those precious points. There's nothing tricky about making them, and they are bound to whip up ration-worn appetites to new and interesting heights.

A few pieces of leftover meat take on new interest when they are dipped in a sauce and bread crumbs, then fried. There's nothing to smack of leftover taste in these:

## Barbecued Meat Slices.

1/2 cup oil  
3 tablespoons mustard  
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Bread or cracker crumbs  
Fat or drippings

Combine oil, mustard, sauce and salt with rotary beater. Dip meat into this mixture, then in bread crumbs and brown in hot fat. Serve garnished with greens and cucumber pickle.

Dressed Spareribs  
(Serves 6)

1 1/2 pounds spareribs  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups mashed sweet potatoes  
1 cup cooked rice  
2 tablespoons butter or substitute

Make a dressing by combining the spareribs, rice, salt and butter. Brown the fleshy side of the spareribs. Cover half of spareribs with dressing, then place other half on top of them. Add 1/2 cup water, cover well and bake in a moderate oven for 1 1/2 hours.

Dinner-in-a-Dish  
(Serves 6)

1 pound veal shoulder  
1/2 cup fat or drippings  
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 cup celery  
2 cups small onions  
2 cups broad noodles  
1 cup diced carrots  
1 green pepper, diced  
1 cup green peas  
2 cups soup stock

Cut veal into one inch cubes, brown in fat. When brown, add the Worcestershire sauce and soup stock. Add the whole onions, carrots, pepper, celery and peas. While steaming, arrange noodles on top of vegetables, moistening them with

Lynn Says:

Make It Good! When making scalloped tomatoes, add a bit of celery and okra for added flavor.

Sauerkraut is good when served fried in bacon drippings. Add a dusting of pepper before serving.

Green peppers stuffed? Ground ham extended with rice is a natural combination. Bake in tomato sauce for color.

Beets take to orange flavor. After heating add a bit of orange juice and grated rind.

Broccoli is fit for the best when served with bits of chestnuts cooked, peeled and crumbled.

## Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menus.

\*Spaghetti with Chicken Livers  
Slivered Green Beans and Carrots  
Grapefruit-Orange Salad  
French Bread Butter  
Cottage Pudding with Chocolate Sauce  
\*Recipe given.

the soup stock. Cook for 30-40 minutes over low heat.

Now we have several recipes that fit not only into the "different" flavored foods but also in the point-easy category:

## Egg Cakes in Tomato Sauce.

(Serves 4)  
1/4 cup cracker meal  
2 tablespoons grated cheese  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 cup baking powder  
4 well beaten eggs  
1 tablespoon milk  
6 tablespoons fat or cooking oil  
Combine cracker meal, cheese, seasonings and baking powder. Add to eggs, mix well and stir in milk. Heat fat in frying pan and drop in tablespoons of egg mixture. Fry until the edges are brown. Turn and brown on other side. Add more fat as needed. Drop cakes into simmering tomato sauce and cook for 20 minutes.

## Tomato Sauce.

2 small cans tomato sauce  
2 small cans water  
2 teaspoons salad oil  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon minced onion

Combine ingredients in order given. Bring to boiling and simmer over low heat 45 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Of course, spaghetti dishes are nothing new to most of you, but when you combine it with the delicious seasonings given in the following recipe, the dish will rate three cheers and a "hurrah."

The tomatoes may be home-canned ones from last summer's produce, and the livers may be calves' or lamb if chicken is not available.

To saute the livers, fry them very quickly in hot fat with a bit of grated or minced onion for seasoning. It will take only about two or three minutes to brown and cook them. Sprinkle with salt and pepper before serving.

## Spaghetti with Chicken Livers.

(Serves 6)  
1/2 pound spaghetti  
2 tablespoons shortening  
1 onion  
2 cups canned tomatoes  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 pound grated cheese  
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms  
1 pound chicken livers  
1 teaspoon salt

Cook the spaghetti in boiling salted water until tender. Drain and rinse in cold water. Heat the fat and brown the finely cut onion in it. Add the spaghetti and cook gently. Add the tomatoes, cheese, salt and pepper. Cook slowly until well browned. Serve in a casserole or platter garnished with whole mushrooms and sauteed chicken livers.

## A crisp head of lettuce nests in this rosy tomato aspic ring to make a delightful spring salad.

To top off our round-up of delectably different recipes, there's a salad which you will enjoy having when you want to perk up winter-weary appetites!

## Ring Around Rose Salad.

(Serves 6)  
1/4 cup cold water  
2 cups canned tomatoes  
1 tablespoon finely grated onion  
1/2 bay leaf, if desired  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon celery salt

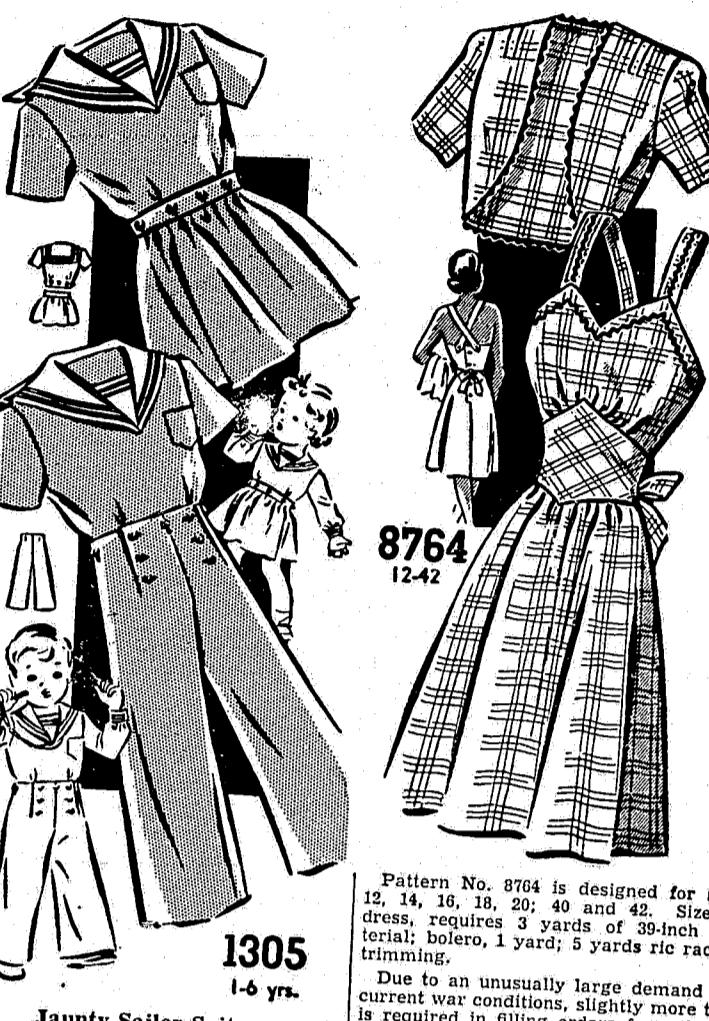
Few grains cayenne or pepper  
1 tablespoon gelatin  
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Mix tomatoes, bay leaf, salt, cayenne, cayenne or pepper in saucepan and boil for 10 minutes. Soak gelatin in cold water 5 minutes, add to hot mixture and stir until dissolved. Add lemon juice and onion. Turn into a ring mold that has been rinsed in cold water and chill. Wash lettuce thoroughly, remove core but do not separate leaves. When firm, unmold tomato ring on chop plate. Place head of lettuce in center of ring and serve with real mayonnaise.

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Rarely does a people outside his. Even though the islands are small by our standards, they're big enough that the individual doesn't encompass them by any means. It would be as impossible for one man to see or know everybody on one of these islands as it would be to know everybody.

You could live an section, and never for weeks or months. And that's exactly pen.

For one thing, the short. We are still here, such fast and strong as you never. Everything that runs and there's little left to run around in for fun.

And anywhere, there go. What towns the been destroyed. They even resembling a to these islands now. They been set up in upright buildings were of stone.

As we drove around islands on my first went through one of towns that had been bombing and shelling, good-sized place, quite in a tropical way. I plaza and municipal paved streets, and buildings were of stone.

There was just one there tropical vegetation. And nature thrives up very so swiftly through destruction that the ruined festooned with vines leaves, and it gives being very old and time instead of fresh modern they are.

Finds Marianas  
Abundant With Movi

An American soldier even though the towns in limits" to him or destination, still has seen near a civilization that own.

But out here there is that. You are on an island lives are strange people, city and no place to go, a three-day pass you'd spend it lying on your cold, boredom and bedlam.

For that reason the divided by the army are important out here than Before I left America I one island out here had 200 outdoor movies on it, whoever told that must for in Europe the average didn't get a chance to see very often.

But the guy wasn't cr three Marianas islands have 233 outdoor movies on them they show every night. It isn't a good movie, it kills between supper and bed.

The theaters are usually slope of a hill, forming an amphitheater. The men sit ground, or bring their own in some of them the ends bomb craters are used for

You can drive along and times you'll pass more than 300 yards apart mainly because there enough transportation to men any distance, so it may come to them.

There is lots of other stived besides movies, too. Island there are 65 theater where soldiers themselves "live" shows, or where USO can perform. Forty piano

Fliers in

One of the things most need morale among fliers over here setting up of some kind of them. The setting of a definite of combat missions to be whereupon they would automatically back to a rest camp.

The way it is now, they are flying in the dark, so to They're just going on and fate overtakes them, with

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Ernie Pyle With the Navy:

## Little Islands in Pacific Prove to Be Pretty Big

Yanks Rarely Make the Rounds; Recreation Relieves Monotony

By Ernie Pyle

IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS.—One thing that might help you visualize what life is like out here is to realize that even a little island is lots bigger than you think. There are many, many thousands of Americans scattered in camps and at airfields and in training centers and harbors over the three islands which we occupy here.

Rarely does a man know many people outside his own special unit. Even though the islands are small by our standards, they're big enough that the individual doesn't encompass them by any means. It would be as impossible for one man to see or know everybody on one of these islands as it would be to know everybody in Indianapolis.

You could live and work in your section, and never visit another section for weeks or months at a time. And that's exactly what does happen.

For one thing, transportation is short. We are still building furiously here, such fast and fantastic building as you never dreamed of. Everything that runs is being used, and there's little left over just to run around in for fun.

And anyhow, there's no place to go. What towns there were have been destroyed. There is nothing even resembling a town or city on these islands now. The natives have been set up in improvised camps, but they offer no "city life" attractions.

As we drove around one of the islands on my first day here, we went through one of the Marianas towns that had been destroyed by bombing and shelling. It had been a good-sized place, quite modern too in a tropical way. It had a city plaza and municipal buildings and paved streets, and many of the buildings were of stone or mortar.

In destruction, it looked exactly as destroyed cities all over Europe look. The same jagged half-standing walls, the stacks of rubble, the empty houses you could see through, the roofless homes, the deep craters in the gardens.

There was just one difference. Out here tropical vegetation is lush. And nature thrusts up her greenery so swiftly through rubble and destruction that the ruins now are festooned with vines and green leaves, and it gives them a look of being very old and time-worn ruins, instead of fresh modern ones, which they are.

### Finds Marianas Abound With Movies

An American soldier in Europe, even though the towns may be "off limits" to him or destroyed completely, still has a sense of being near a civilization that is like his own.

But out here there is nothing like that. You are on an island, the natives are strange people, there's no city and no place to go. If you had a three-day pass you'd probably spend it lying on your cot. Eventually, boredom and the "island complex" starts to take hold.

For that reason the diversions supplied by the army are even more important out here than in Europe. Before I left America I heard that one island out here had more than 200 outdoor movies on it. I thought whoever told that must be crazy, for in Europe the average soldier didn't get a chance to see a movie very often.

But the guy wasn't crazy. These three Marianas islands have a total of 233 outdoor movies on them. And they show every night. Even if it isn't a good movie, it kills the time between supper and bedtime.

The theaters are usually on the slope of a hill, forming a natural amphitheater. The men sit on the ground, or bring their own boxes, or in some of them the ends of metal bomb crates are used for chairs.

You can drive along and sometimes you'll pass three movies not more than 300 yards apart. That's mainly because there is not enough transportation to haul the men any distance, so the movie has to come to them.

There is lots of other stuff provided besides movies, too. On one island there are 65 theater stages, where soldiers themselves put on "live" shows, or where USO troupes can perform. Forty planes have

### Fliers in Need of Rest Goal

One of the things most needed for morale among fliers over here is the setting up of some kind of goal for them. The setting of a definite number of combat missions to be flown, whereupon they would automatically go back to a rest camp.

The way it is now, they are just flying in the dark, so to speak. They're just going on and on until fate overtakes them, with nothing

## Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

SHE'S A SHE-DEVIL to some Hollywood people; to others she's an angel. Joan Fontaine is one of those persons who never could be accused of being wishy-washy. She's electric, giving off with dynamic impulses, sometimes a sparkling positive, sometimes a crackling negative.

Joan Fontaine is never neutral. When she's angry she's lightning in a summer storm, and just as deadly; when she's gay she's a veritable pinwheel on wheels.

Exploded into the ranks of the screen's first ladies back in 1939 with a haunting performance in "The Women," Joan has frequently been a storm center, and most always town's gossip conversation piece.

Joan, when she wants to be, can be a witch right out of "Macbeth." She once said: "I express my feelings by action. I have a friggin temper, and I can fly into rages about almost anything that gets on my nerves at any time of day or night."

### Surprise, Surprise!

The big news of the moment is that she went through one whole picture without once losing her temper. That was "The Affairs of Susan," for Hal Wallis at Paramount.

Produced Wallis, a wise man (he must be—anyway he won 27 Oscars during a 10-year period), provided Joan with everything an actress could set her heart upon. She had not one but four leading men—George Brent, Dennis O'Keefe, Don DeFore, and Walter Abel. In the picture each of these men falls in love with her and wants to marry her.

In "The Affairs of Susan" Joan played her first comedy role, and that scared her, she confided to me. Says I to her: "You've got one of the finest comedy directors in the business—Bill Seiter. He knows more than many of our supposed big shots, whom he's taught all they know, but can't remember because their hats are now too high for them to balance the hat and the brain underneath 'em. So with Bill just let yourself go. He'll carry the ball over the goal line, and you'll get the credit!" She did, and now says, "I prefer comedy to those droopy roles I've been playing."

It's Contagious

But it wasn't always sweetness and light with Joan. On her last picture, the \$4,000,000 "Frenchman's Creek," there was more than a little trouble between her and Arturo De Cordova, the technicolor pirate. Joan was very unhappy on that one, and when Joan's unhappy every one within shouting and shooting range is apt to be unhappy, too.

All due to a misunderstanding of the language. He apologized, and they were friends again.

Many of the reports circulated about Joan are pure malice. Joan just never bothers to answer back. "But I don't let those things bother me any more," she told me. "After all, by this time they've said everything and written everything that could be said or written about me, so why explain anything?"

### Don't You Believe It

The Fontaine-De Havilland "feud" rumors, for instance, are a part of the legion of legends about her. Joan contends there isn't any feud, never has been one. "Why," says she, "if Livvy ever needed help I'd be the first one she came to, and vice versa."

No, there is no feud, but the fact that she took the name Fontaine, and not Livvy's made talk, as Joan knew it would. She wanted no one to write a story about Livvy's baby sister, said she. "If I can't win on my own, being tied to Livvy's apron strings won't help me. So what the heck! Just call me Joan Fontaine—or don't call me."

Regarding the reports that she has trouble with her directors she answers: "How's any one going to undermine a Hitchcock or a Cukor or a Bill Seiter? It's ridiculous!"

Joan is a determined person with a will of iron. If something comes up she disagrees with just plants herself in the position she intends to maintain—and she maintains it. Ask David O. Selznick. He knows.

"I was sick of being the sad sack of the screen," said she. "I wanted to play comedy, and now that I've done it, I'm happier than I've ever been in Hollywood."

### Unknown Becomes Known

A new guy named Tommy Trout, six footer, 185 pounds, appeared at the studio, asking for a job. They thought he wanted to work as a laborer. Said he, "I want to act." As a joke, he was sent to Lillian Burns, Metro's coach. After five minutes with him she phoned the boss, and said: "If we don't sign him we ought to have our heads examined." They signed. He's finished his first, "Main Street After Dark." They swear from his performance he's been acting all his life.

They're going to have to go to rest camps and then come back for more missions a couple of times before they finally go home. But no rest-camp goal has yet been set

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### Sniper of '76

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### Lowly Spiders Among Swiftest of the Swift

During an experiment some time ago a spider was timed to walk a hundred times its own length in a second. By comparison a man would have to travel at 400 miles an hour to equal this!

Some birds, especially the diving varieties, can touch terrific speeds. The average speed a man reaches when diving from a height of about 60 feet is 40 miles an hour, whereas the loon, a diving bird, surprised by the flash of a gun, can dive before the shot reaches it. One naturalist stated that he had timed birds to dive under water before the pellets from a gun peppered the surface, that is when the gun was fired at the same instant as the bird began to move. There have been many cases of a hawk diving for a partridge that had been shot and reaching it before the sportsman's dog.

Thousands would flock to the ball park upon reading a newly contrived advertisement:

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Promotion. That's the idea! On with it, boys! And how about name orchestras and dancing under the stands when a game goes flat?

### THE KIDS' DEFENSE

(After meditating on recent lapses on the part of the young folks.) Low moral standards we're above, Our honesty's true blue,

It comes from observation of The things our elders do!

The fine example that they set

(We see it everywhere)—

By grabbing every chance to get It easy here and there!

Our ethics are kept aloft

By merely looking at

Our elders seeking something soft,

And waxing rather fat.

We see the grownups merely wink

At virtue driven low,

And when we feel our morals sink

This helps us, don't you know!

The lawyers who boast ethics tall

For a fancy fee

Will work for any crook at all,

And strive to set him free.

Those politicians shrewd and deft—

The gimme-gimme crew—

Those fixers to the right and left—

They help the kids, they do!

Those movies full of grease-ball guys—

The slickers glorified...

The happy ending as it tries

To justify a snide...

The spotlight for the cheap "foul balls,"

The punkeroos and heel...

Oh, how they help the kiddies all To keep an even keel!!!

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